A PROCLAMATION,

For Apprehending Ensign and Serjeant *Campbels*, and Regulating the *Levy* of Recruits.

WILLIAM and MARY by the grace of GOD, King and Queen of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith. To the Masters of Our Privy Council, or Messengers at Arms, our Sheriffs in that part, Conjunctly and Severally specially Constituate, Greeting: Forasmuch as, We are well Informed of a cruel Murder Committed by Ensign *Campbel* in Colonel D'Ossirills Regiment, and Serjeant *Robert Campbel* his Brother & their Accomplices, under Silence & Cloud of Night, upon *Thomas Picket*, Servant to *William Bryce* Weaver in *Brughtoun*, while he was living peaceably in the Dwelling-house of the said *William Bryce* his Master, upon the *Ninth day of December* Current without any Just Cause, or Occasion, saifly pretending the said *Thomas Picket* was a Deserter from their Regiment: And We being desirous, that the Committers of so horrid a Murder, should be brought to condign Punishment: Therefore, We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, do hereby Require and Command, all our Magistrats, Officers, Souldiers, and others our Leiges, to do their outmost indeavour and Diligence, to apprehend the said Ensign *Campbel*, and his said Brother, and deliver them Prisoners to the Magistrats of any of our *Burghs*, to be by them keeped in safe Custody, untill they be brought to Trial, and suffer Condign Punishment for the said Crime: Indemnifying hereby all Persons from all Hazard of Slaughter, Mutilation, or any other Acts of Violence which they may Commit, against the said Ensign and Serjeant *Campbels*, or any persons with them, in apprehending the saids Ensign & Serjeant *Campbels*, And We with Advice foresaid, Do hereby peremptorily Inhibit & Discharge all and every our Leiges whatsomever, to Shelter, Harbour, Conceal, or any way Assist or Supply the said Ensign *Campbel* or his Brother, upon their highest Peril. And for remeading the Inconveniences which arise from Irregular and Disorderly Levying of Souldiers, or Seasing of Deserters on the one hand, and for Securing our Officers of such Souldiers, as they shall orderly Conduce and take on, and recovering Deserters on the other hand: We with Advice foresaid, Strictly Prohibit and Discharge, all Inhabitants within this Kingdom to Shelter, or Reset any Deserters, and Require and Command all our Leiges, to Secure any Deserters already Reset by them, and to deliver them to the next Justice of Peace, or Commissioner of Assessment, to be committed by them, or either of them, to the next Prison, untill the Matter be Tried, either by the Sheriff of the Shire, or his Deputs, or by some Justice of Peace in the place, or Magistrat of the *Burgh* where the Party is Secured, and the Person so committed be either Absolved or Delivered to his Officer, or some other Person in his behove, under the pain of ten Pound Sterling to be payed by the Resetter not observing this Premisse, to the Officer of the Deserter, the Resetter always knowing him to be a Deserter: and if any Officer shall orderly Conduce and take on any Person to be a Souldier for our Service, whosoever shall Reset or Conceal him thereafter, shall Incur the like Penalty to be payed in manner foresaid. And siklike, We with Advice foresaid, Strictly Prohibite and Discharge, all Officers and Souldiers to Sease upon, or force any Person to Engage as Souldiers, but by the free Choise and Consent of the Person taken on, which is to be proven either by two Witnesses (not being Souldiers) or by the Oath of the Party taken on, under the like penalty of ten pound Sterling to be payed by the said Officers or Souldiers to the Person injured: And further, We with Advice foresaid, Strictly Forbid and Discharge all Officers, Souldiers and others imployed to take on Souldiers, to break open doors at any time, or to Invade or Befet any House, under Silence and Cloud of Night, upon pretence of Searching for, or Apprehending any Person as Deserter, or Souldier taken on by them without a written Order, from, or at least the concurrence of the Sheriff of the Shire, or Justice of Peace in Landward, or Magistrat within *Burgh*, or the Proctor of the Ground where any Souldier or Deserter taken on is Reset, under the pain of ten pound Sterling Money foresaid, to be payed be the Contravener of any part of the Premisses, to the parties Injured: And We with Advice foresaid, Require and Command all Magistrats of *Burghs* and Landward, to receive the Complaints to be made to them, by any Person or Persons of Force and Violence, or any Irregular Means made use of in Seasing upon the Complainer, either as Deserters, or to make up Recruits, and to do Justice therein with all Expedition, as accords. And siklike that they grant Summar Diligence to any Officer, Souldier, or other who shall desire the same, to Sease upon Deserters: And to order all Prison-Keepers within their Respective Bounds, to receive and Secure such as shall be seased upon, and such as shall be orderly taken on, and engaged to be Souldiers; the Officers who Seases upon and delivers them into Custody, always Obliging themselves to Sustain and Entertain the saids Persons, during their continuance in Prison. And further, that all our Troops may be the more speedily Recruited for the necessar Defence of *Religion*: And all that is dear to us or our People. We with Advice foresaid, Require all Sheriffs, Bailies of Regalities, Stewards of Stewartries, and their Deputs, Justices of Peace, and Magistrats of *Burgh* within this Kingdom, to give ready Concurrence for Seasing and Securing all Vagabonds, Sorners, and other idle Persons, who being able of Limb and Lith, do refuse to Work, or do not give a Reasonable Account how they Earn their Living, before our saids Judges, to the Effect they may be delivered to any of the Officers at present making Recruits: And by them be Imployed in our Service as Souldiers, the saids Persons being always apprehended by an Order from one or other of our saids Judges, and Examination being taken by them, that the saids Persons are of the Conditions and Qualifications foresaid: And appoints them to be Secured and Entertained as is above Appointed, Conform to many good Laws made by our Royal Predecessors, for Freeing the Countrey of such Burdensom and idle Persons: And that our pleasure in the Premisses may be known. *OUR WILL IS HEREFORE*, and We Charge you Strictly, and Commands, that Incontinent these our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and Mercat-Crosses of the whole remanent *Burghs* in this Kingdom, and other places needfull. And there in Our Name and Authority by open Proclamation, make Publication of the Premisses, that none may pretend Ignorance. And ordains these Presents to be Printed.

Given under our Signet at Edinburgh *the* fifteenth *day of* December, *and of Our Reign the fourth Year*, 1691.

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.
In Supplementum Signeti.
Da. MONCREIFF Cls. Sti Concilii.

GOD save *KING WILLIAM* and *QUEEN MARY*.

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